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2.	This Infor 2a.	mation Disclosure Statement is f (Check either Item 2a Within three months of the filing Within three months of the date § 1.491 in an international appl Before the mailing of a first Offi	a or 2b or 2c or 2d) g date of a national application; e of entry of the national stage as set forth in ication.

2 Serial No.: 10/628,584 Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for 2d. □ Continued Examination under § 1.114. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the period specified in paragraph 2 above but before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, AND (Check either Item 3a or 3b; Item 3b to be checked if any reference known for more than 3 months) The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; OR The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is: enclosed. to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) after the period specified in paragraph 3 above, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee, AND The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; AND The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is: enclosed. to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. Statement under § 1.97(e) (applicable if Item 3a or Item 4a is checked) (Check either Item 5a or 5b) In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), it is stated that each item of 5a. information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2), it is stated that no item of 5b. 🗍 information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in

a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. This is a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

(Check appropriate Items 6a and/or 6b)

Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which 6a. | | were previously cited in prior application Serial No. , filed on , and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

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3 Serial No.: 10/628,584 6b. [] Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. ___, filed on ___, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith. This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1,114. (Check either Item 7a or 7b) 7a. [The Issue Fee has not been paid. 7b. 🗀 A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee, is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114(a), respectively. This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. (Check either Item 8a or 8b) 8a. 🖂 This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 29, 2007. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on November 29, 2007. 8b. \square This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, mailed November 29, 2007. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is: (Check appropriate Items 9a, 9b, 9c and/or 9d) satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) cited on the enclosed 9a. "English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office". (See MPEP § 609, Minimum Requirements for an Information Disclosure Statement, Part A(3): Concise Explanation of Relevance, 8th Ed., Rev. 2) 9b. set forth in the application. satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) indicated on the 9¢. attached Form PTO-1449 as having an English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached thereto. enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto. 9d.

10. No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report, if submitted herewith). 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h).

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11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT 1(e)

EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to correct the citation of Item AC listed on Attachment 1(g) on the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 29, 2007. The Applicants would like the Examiner to note that European Patent Application No. 03254926.3 is a corresponding related application (not a corresponding application).